



Attending: Bill Hayes, Thomas Riggle, Mary Jo Lockbaum (phone), Lindsay Weber, Rebecca White, Quint Redmond, Karen Hancock, David Stewart, Beth Chacon, Rachel Wilson-Roussel

Not Attending: Lisa Bardwell, Kim Hargraves-Tyrrell, Katie Navin, Andrew Flynn, Patricia Mason, Bradley Kieding, Jarrett Smith

Staff: Derek Boer, Greg Fabisiak

Board Updates

Each board member was allowed the opportunity to share pertinent news about their work and any projects they were undertaking. Highlights included:

- Rachel noted several recent media stories involving relevant issues and Sustainability staff including: A ColoradoBiz video featuring Lynette Myers promoting the Colorado Environmental Leadership Program as well as two Colorado Public Radio stories regarding medication take-back programs and another regarding nitrogen deposition at Rocky Mountain National Park. Eric Heyboer was also interviewed by the Westword for a story they are writing focusing on the difficulty with recycling glass in Colorado.
- CDPHE will receive its first plug-in hybrid next month.
- The Boulder Daily Camera ran an editorial by former PPAB member Meg Collins on municipalization of its electric utility.
- Xcel Energy's Corporate Responsibility Report has been released. Beth provided copies for board members.
- Lindsay attended the Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program.
- The rainwater harvesting bill did not pass the senate.
- JeffCo Schools is hiring a new energy manager. The district will also be working with Earth Force on the Green Schools Connect program. The district also reduced the amount of pesticide use by 60% last year.

Recap of April Meeting on Water – Next Steps

The board discussed its role and priorities in promoting water reuse. Dave opened the discussion by asking how the board could work with the Water Quality Division on water reuse and how the board could promote water reuse. It was clarified that the board can indeed work on water issues under pollution prevention. Several members mentioned the WaterReuse Summit in the fall. Funding constraints were discussed. Rachel suggested doing a pilot project or a case study with P2 grant funds or perhaps rolling this year's funds into next year's budget to build an economy of scale.

Mary Jo suggested revisiting the board's priorities and possibly aligning them with Colorado's Winnable Battles. Rachel stated that the board did just recently approved 2015 objectives. A discussion ensued about focusing the board's efforts on one issue (or few issues) to have a greater impact.

The discussion turned to focusing on agriculture and developing a LEED certification program for agriculture. Liz Sapio and Lynette Myers had some initial conversations with Quint but the focus was not to have CDPHE develop a LEED program for agriculture, but rather come up with an Environmental Management System equivalent. Quint noted that agriculture facilities might be reluctant to get involved, viewing interaction with government agencies as

more regulation.

Dave asked how the Board could use Green Schools Initiative. Karen noted there was a program that could be used by schools to provide real-time energy use information. Quint suggested developing a board expertise on either water or agriculture and Dave noted that we could perhaps pay a graduate student intern.

The board informally agreed to revisit priorities at the June meeting.

Medication Take-back Update

Greg Fabisiak provided an update on the Medication Take Back program. The program has been funded by the JBC in the amount of \$300,000 in General Funds for FY 2016. The funding does not roll over into future years. The DEA has discontinued its take-back day in which disposal costs were covered for local law enforcement events. Greg indicated that the new funding could go to replace the lost DEA funding and to expand the program. His goal is to have at least one take-back location in every county. To effectively cover the entire state some combination of hub and spoke points and mail-in services may be needed. In addition, the program will continue to look at pharmacies as take-back locations – currently pharmacies are prohibited from accepting controlled substances. Greg reported currently waste medications are being solidified at the Conservation Services Inc (CSI) landfill near Bennett. The board discussed whether local health departments could be considered law enforcement, in a way to broaden who could handle controlled substances. The board also discussed the issue of personal care products making their way into the controlled substances stream. Greg talked about the benefits of the program, which include reducing medications in surface waters and landfill leachate, and reducing the amount of unused controlled substances that accumulate in homes.

Greg also presented briefly on the coal-tar issue. The Cross Media Initiative and Strategy Team (CMIST) generated a summary for CDPHE senior leadership that presented possible alternatives for action. Leadership has directed CMIST to draft a letter for local health departments that outlines the dangers associated with coal-tar sealants. The board discussed some of the other possible recipients of such a communiqué that include HOA's, business property owners, cities and urban drainage districts, and school districts.

FY 2016 P2 Grant Funding Process

Rachel reported on funding for P2 grants for FY 2016. The board looks to have approximately \$20-\$25,000 for P2 grants. Board members agreed to wait to discuss funding opportunities until they revisit their objectives in June.

Future Meeting Agenda Topics

Possible June agenda items include:

- Revisit board objectives;
- Discuss funding opportunities; and
- Green Schools Connect P2 Grant Summary.